

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brett B. Stewart et al.
Serial No.: 10/792,179
Filed: March 3, 2004
Group No.: 2473
Examiner: Adam K. Duda
Notice of Allowance Mailed: February 9, 2010
Confirmation No.: 4932
Title: DISTRIBUTED NETWORK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
WHICH ENABLES MULTIPLE NETWORK PROVIDERS TO
USE A COMMON DISTRIBUTED NETWORK
INFRASTRUCTURE

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 9-19 and 26-67. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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